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**AMBLYOPIA TREATMENT STUDY
(ATS20)**

**Binocular Dig Rush Game Treatment for
Amblyopia**

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This amendment provides for the following protocol change:

Protocol Change

Current Protocol

The original sample size of 84 study participants for the older cohort assumed a standard deviation of 5 letters after 4 weeks of treatment (see Section 5.2.2).

Although we believed that our estimate of 5 letters in the older cohort was reasonable, a sample size re-estimation was planned once approximately 50% of the pre-planned number of subjects have completed their 4-week outcome visit (see Section 5.3). In summary, a pooled estimate of variance without respect to treatment group will be calculated and used to re-estimate sample size. If the observed standard deviation of change is larger than the pre-study estimate of 5 letters, the sample size will be increased, up to a maximum limit corresponding to a standard deviation of change of 8 letters for the older cohort (206 subjects) with a 5% adjustment for loss to follow-up.

Proposed Change

The pooled standard deviation for 42 subjects completing their 4-week outcome visit was observed to be 6 letters (higher than the original estimate of 5 letters). The sample size for the older cohort will be increased to 116 study participants (58 per group) based on the results of the planned sample size re-estimation.

Other Change:

A typographical error has been corrected in section 2.5.

PROTOCOL AMENDMENT #2
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This amendment provides for the following protocol change:

Protocol Change

Current Protocol

The following criteria must be met for a child to be enrolled in the study:

- VA in the fellow eye 20/25 or better (ATS-HOTV) or ≥ 78 letters (E-ETDRS)

Proposed Change

Eligibility criteria with respect to fellow-eye visual acuity has been changed to depend upon the age of the subject. The following criteria must be met for a child to be enrolled in the study:

- Best-corrected fellow-eye VA meeting the following criteria:
 - If age 4, 20/40 or better by ATS-HOTV
 - If age 5 or 6, 20/32 or better by ATS-HOTV
 - If age 7 or older, 20/25 or better by E-ETDRS (≥ 78 letters)

The requirement for an interocular difference ≥ 3 logMAR lines (ATS-HOTV) or (≥ 15 letters (E-ETDRS) has not changed.

Rationale for Change

Normal visual acuity values depend upon the age of the subject. The eligibility values for the study have been changed to match the normal values based upon age cited in the following table:

Table: Normal Visual Acuity Values Based on Age

| Age range | Subnormal if worse than |
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| 36-47 months | 20/50 |
| 48-59 months | 20/40 |
| 60-83 months | 20/32 |
| ≥ 84 months | 20/25 |

Normal values for children aged 30-72 months based on a study by Pan et al.²⁹ Normal values for children aged ≥ 72 months based on a study by Drover et al.³⁰

PROTOCOL AMENDMENT #3
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This amendment provides for the following protocol change:

Protocol Change

References added to the protocol to support normal values for children aged 30-72 months based on a study by Pan et al and normal values for children aged >72 months based on a study by Drover et al added.

PROTOCOL AMENDMENT #4
30 April 2018

This amendment provides for the following protocol changes:

Protocol Change # 1

Current Protocol

The original sample size of 116 study participants for the younger cohort assumed a standard deviation (SD) of 1.2 logMAR lines after 4 weeks of treatment (see Section 5.2.1).

Although we believed that our estimate of 1.2 logMAR lines in the younger cohort was reasonable, as it was based on best available data, a sample size re-estimation was pre-specified once approximately 50% of the pre-planned number of participants reached their 4-week outcome visit (see Section 5.3): Once approximately 50% of the pre-planned number of subjects have completed the 4-week outcome visit, a pooled estimate of variance without respect to treatment group will be calculated and used to re-estimate sample size using a procedure that maintains masking and has a negligible effect on the Type I error rate. Within each age cohort, if the observed standard deviation of change is larger than the pre-study estimate, the sample size will be increased, up to a maximum limit corresponding to a standard deviation of change of 1.5 logMAR lines (182 subjects) for the younger cohort.

Proposed Change

The pooled SD for 51 subjects completing their 4-week outcome visit was 1.6 logMAR lines (95% confidence interval for SD = 1.2 to 2.0 logMAR). Since the observed SD is much higher than the 1.2 logMAR lines used to estimate sample size, the sample size for the younger cohort will be increased to 182 study participants (91 per group) based on the results of the planned sample size re-estimation.

Protocol Change # 2

Current Protocol

Due to the short duration of the primary outcome at 4 weeks and expected rapid recruitment, no interim monitoring will be conducted for either age cohort. This decision will be re-evaluated if the sample size is increased.

Proposed Change

Interim monitoring for futility will be conducted when approximately 50% of the revised sample size (n=91) has completed the 4-week primary outcome visit. Details of the interim analysis plan will be developed in consultation with the DSMC and documented in the statistical analysis plan.

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CHAPTER 1: BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

This study is being conducted by the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG) and is funded through a cooperative agreement from the National Eye Institute.

1.1 Background

Epidemiology & clinical characteristics

Amblyopia is the most common cause of reduced monocular VA (VA) in children and young adults, with estimates of prevalence ranging from 1% to 5%.^{1,2} The most common associated amblyogenic risk factors are uncorrected anisometropia, strabismus, or a combination of anisometropia and strabismus.

Treatment –current methods and outcomes

The current mainstay of amblyopia treatment is spectacle correction (when there is uncorrected refractive error) followed by part-time patching or atropine penalization of the fellow eye.³⁻⁸

Although current treatments using part-time occlusion and atropine drops are effective in many younger children (3 to <7 years)³⁻⁸ residual amblyopia (20/32 or worse) is still present in 54% of children at age 10 years⁹ and 40% at age 15 years.¹⁰ In older children, age 7 to 12 years, current treatments are less effective.¹¹ The majority of older children still have residual amblyopia after treatment; in 7- to 12-year-old children, 80% treated with atropine and 74% treated with patching had residual amblyopia of 20/32 or worse.¹²

One possible reason for failure of part-time patching treatment in some younger children and many older children is poor compliance with the prescribed treatment regimens.^{13,14}

Nevertheless, data from studies using an occlusion dose monitor^{15,16} suggest that many children successfully comply with prescribed part-time patching treatment and yet fail to respond to treatment, supporting the assertion that part-time patching is ineffective for treating amblyopia in some children.

In addition, patching has negative psychosocial effects for many children, and children often resist wearing a patch. Some children and their parents rate patching poorly from the standpoint of adverse effects of treatment, treatment compliance, and social stigma.^{17,18}

Based on the prevalence of residual amblyopia with current part-time patching treatment and the challenges of compliance with patching, new treatments for amblyopia are needed, particularly those that can be visually unobtrusive and that do not overtly interfere with the vision of the fellow eye.

Binocular treatment

In 2010, Hess et al¹⁹ reported a binocular approach to treating amblyopia, without patching, atropine drops or blurring filters, consisting of dichoptic stimuli presented to each eye. In laboratory-based sessions, dichoptic motion coherence thresholds were measured by adjusting contrast levels in the fellow eye to optimize combination of visual information from both eyes and overcome suppression of the amblyopic eye. In these adult subjects mean amblyopia eye VA and stereoacuity improved over several weeks.¹⁹ This method of binocular treatment was then adapted to a “falling blocks” game, which was studied by Li et al,²⁰ reporting a mean amblyopic eye improvement of approximately 2 logMAR lines when treating adults in a supervised setting for 1 hour/day over 2 weeks.

287 Recently, binocular treatment using a “falling blocks” game has been adapted to an iPad®
288 device, which uses red-green anaglyphic glasses. In children, non-randomized studies conducted
289 by Birch’s research group found an improvement in amblyopic-eye VA of approximately 1
290 logMAR line prescribing 4 hours/week of binocular treatment for 4 weeks in 4 to 12 year-
291 olds,^{21,22} and in 3- to 6-year-olds.²³ The studies²¹⁻²³ conducted by Birch’s group in children
292 included 4 different binocular games, one of which was the falling blocks game, and allowed
293 concurrent patching at a different time of day at the eye care provider’s discretion, although a
294 sub-analysis of those only treated with binocular games yielded a similar magnitude of effect.
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296 Knox et al²⁴ also found a comparable improvement (approximately 1 logMAR line) in children
297 (mean age 8.5 years) treated with a similar game, using a head-mounted display in a supervised
298 setting for 1 hour/day for 5 sessions over one week.
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300 Based on these pilot studies, PEDIG performed a randomized clinical trial to compare
301 amblyopic-eye VA improvement over 16 weeks in children age 5 to <13 years, with 20/40 to
302 20/200 amblyopic-eye VA, comparing a binocular iPad game (prescribed 1 hour per day) with
303 patching of the fellow eye (prescribed 2 hours per day).

304 **1.2 Results of PEDIG study of binocular treatment (ATS18)**

305 In a recently completed PEDIG RCT,²⁵ 385 subjects 5 to <13 years of age (mean 8.5 years) with
306 amblyopia (20/40 to 20/200, mean 20/63) resulting from strabismus, anisometropia, or both,
307 were randomly assigned to either 16 weeks of a binocular iPad game, prescribed for 1 hour a
308 day (n=190, binocular group), or patching of the fellow eye prescribed for 2 hours a day
309 (n=195, patching group).
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311 At 16 weeks, the mean amblyopic-eye VA improved 1.05 lines (2-sided 95% confidence
312 interval (CI): 0.85 to 1.24 lines) in the binocular group and 1.35 lines (2-sided 95% CI: 1.17 to
313 1.54 lines) in the patching group, with an adjusted treatment group difference of 0.31 lines
314 favoring patching (upper limit of the 1-sided 95% CI 0.53 lines). This upper limit exceeded the
315 pre-specified non-inferiority limit of 0.5 lines. In a post hoc analysis, the two-sided 95% CI for
316 the adjusted treatment group difference was 0.04 to 0.58 lines, favoring the patching group.
317 Only 22% of subjects randomized to the binocular game performed >75% of the prescribed
318 treatment (median 46%, interquartile range 20% to 72%). In younger subjects 5 to <7 years of
319 age, without prior amblyopia treatment, amblyopic-eye VA improved 2.5 ± 1.5 lines in the
320 binocular group and 2.8 ± 0.8 in the patching group. Adverse effects (diplopia, reduction of
321 fellow-eye VA, new tropia) were uncommon and of similar frequency between groups.
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323 We therefore concluded that in children 5 to <13 years of age, amblyopic-eye VA improved
324 with both binocular game play and patching, particularly in younger children age 5 to <7 years
325 without prior amblyopia treatment. However, based on a post hoc analysis, VA improvement
326 with this particular binocular iPad treatment was not as good as with 2 hours of prescribed daily
327 patching.

328 **1.3 Rationale for Proposed Study Design**

329 It is entirely possible that our failure to find non-inferiority of binocular treatment to part-time
330 patching in our recent RCT was due to poor compliance with the binocular treatment. Only 22%
331 of subjects randomized to the binocular game performed >75% of the prescribed treatment
332 (median 46%, interquartile range 20% to 72%).
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334 Recently, a new binocular game has been developed for children, called “Dig Rush,” which is
335 much more interesting than the falling blocks game because it involves more interesting tasks
336 such as digging for gold and earning rewards. It has 42 levels, and therefore the child remains
337 engaged for a much longer period of time than the falling blocks game.

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339 The Birch group has studied the binocular Dig Rush game in children age 4 to <10 years and
340 found that compliance with the game is excellent, with a mean amblyopic eye VA improvement
341 of 1.5 lines at 2 weeks and 1.7 lines at 4 weeks.²⁶

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343 Based on several promising pilot studies of binocular treatment in children and in adults, a full
344 RCT is warranted, to investigate whether binocular treatment is an effective treatment for
345 amblyopia, and, analogous to the PEDIG RCT which investigated the effectiveness of
346 patching,²⁷ the appropriate control group is continued spectacle treatment alone.

347 **1.4 Study Objective**

348 To compare the efficacy of 1 hour/day of binocular game play 5 days per week plus spectacle
349 correction with spectacle correction only, for treatment of amblyopia in children 4 to <13 years
350 of age.

351 **1.5 Synopsis of Study Design**

352 Major eligibility criteria: (see section 2.2 for a complete listing)

- 353 • Age 4 to <13 years
- 354 • Amblyopia associated with anisometropia, strabismus (<5Δ at near measured by SPCT),
355 or both
- 356 • No amblyopia treatment (atropine, patching, Bangerter, vision therapy, binocular
357 therapy) in the past 2 weeks
- 358 • Spectacle correction (if required) worn for at least 16 weeks, or until stability of VA is
359 demonstrated (<0.1 logMAR change by the same testing method measured on 2 exams
360 at least 8 weeks apart)
- 361 • VA in the amblyopic eye 20/40 to 20/200 (ATS-HOTV) or 33 to 72 letters (E-ETDRS)
- 362 • Best-corrected fellow-eye VA meeting the following criteria:
 - 363 ○ If age 4, 20/40 or better by ATS-HOTV
 - 364 ○ If age 5 or 6, 20/32 or better by ATS-HOTV
 - 365 ○ If age 7 or older, 20/25 or better by E-ETDRS (≥78 letters)
- 366 • Interocular difference ≥3 logMAR lines (ATS-HOTV) or (≥15 letters (E-ETDRS)
- 367 • No myopia greater than -6.00D spherical equivalent in either eye
- 368 • Demonstrate in-office ability to play the Dig Rush game under binocular conditions
369 (with red-green glasses) on at least level 3, including ability to see red “diggers” and
370 blue “gold carts” at 20% contrast in the non-amblyopic eye

371 372 Treatment Groups

373 Subjects will be randomly assigned with equal probability to either:

- 374 • Binocular treatment group: binocular computer game play prescribed 1 hour per day 5
375 days a week (treatment time can be split into shorter sessions totaling 1 hour each day)
376 with spectacles, if needed (see section 3.1)
- 377 • Continued spectacle correction, if needed (see section 3.2)

378 379 Sample Size – see details in Chapter 5

- 380 • Results will be analyzed separately in 2 age cohorts.
 - 381 ○ 182 children aged 4 to < 7 years (younger cohort)

- 382 ○ 116 children aged 7 to <13 years (older cohort) based on results of the sample
383 size re-estimation
384 i. A maximum of 20% of enrolled subjects in each age cohort may have had
385 previous binocular therapy.
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387 Visit Schedule

- 388 • Enrollment exam and randomization
- 389 • 1-week phone call (7 to 13 days from randomization) to inquire about issues with the
390 binocular game (if applicable) and to encourage compliance with treatment for all
391 groups (to be completed by site personnel)
- 392 • 4 weeks ± 1 week (primary outcome)
- 393 • 8 weeks ± 1 week (secondary outcome)
- 394 • Binocular group final visit
- 395 • Spectacle group switched to binocular treatment and followed for 8 weeks
- 396 • 9-week phone call (Spectacle group only: 7 to 13 days from 8-week exam) to inquire
397 about issues with the binocular game (if applicable) and to encourage compliance with
398 treatment for all groups (to be completed by site personnel)
- 399 • 16 weeks ± 1 week (final visit for group originally randomized to continued spectacle
400 treatment who were switched to binocular treatment)

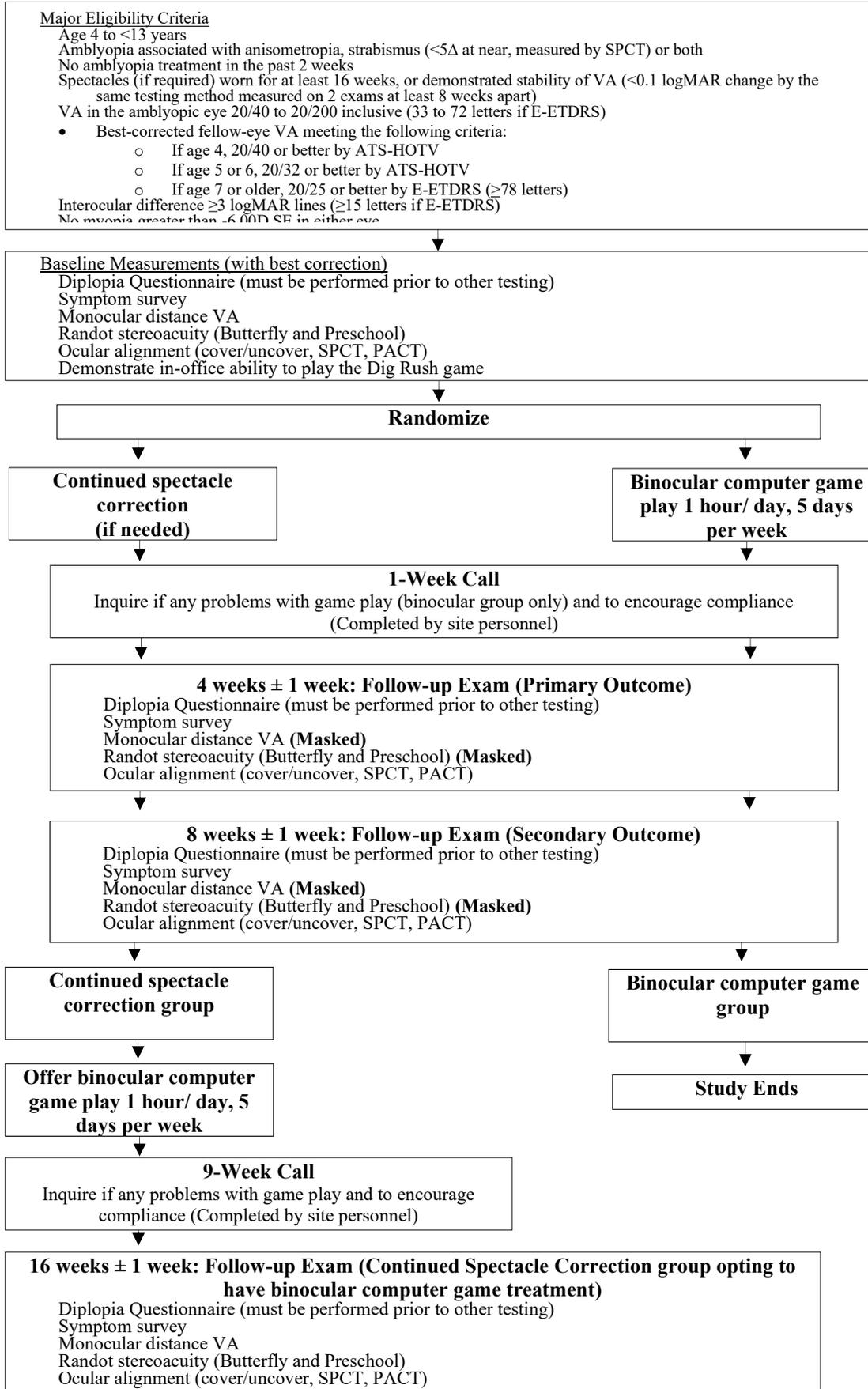
402 Testing Procedures

403 At each follow-up visit, distance VA will be measured in each eye using ATS-HOTV for
404 children <7 years at enrollment and the E-ETDRS for children ≥7 years at enrollment (VA
405 method used at enrollment will be used over the course of the trial). We will also assess near
406 stereoacuity using the Randot Butterfly Stereoacuity test and Randot Preschool Stereoacuity
407 test, history of diplopia, symptoms, and ocular alignment (distance and near) by cover test,
408 simultaneous prism cover test (SPCT) (if manifest deviation present), and prism and alternate
409 cover test (PACT) (for all subjects).

411 Analysis

412 The primary analysis will compare mean change in amblyopic-eye VA from enrollment to 4
413 weeks in the binocular computer treatment group with the continued spectacle treatment group.
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415 **Study Summary Flow Chart**



CHAPTER 2: SUBJECT ENROLLMENT

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2.1 Eligibility Assessment and Informed Consent/Assent

420 The study plans to enroll a minimum of 182 subjects aged 4 to < 7 years and 116 subjects aged 7 to
421 <13 years (based on results of the sample size re-estimation). Up to 20% of enrolled subjects in
422 each age cohort can have had previous binocular therapy. As the enrollment goal approaches, sites
423 will be notified of the end date for recruitment. Subjects who have signed an informed consent form
424 can be randomized until the end date, which means the expected recruitment might be exceeded.
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426 A child is considered for the study after undergoing a routine eye examination (by a study
427 investigator as part of standard of care) that identifies amblyopia appearing to meet the eligibility
428 criteria. The study will be discussed with the child's parent(s) or guardian(s) (referred to
429 subsequently as parent(s)). Parent(s) who express an interest in the study will be given a copy of the
430 informed consent form to read. Written informed consent / assent must be obtained from a parent
431 and child (depending on age and local IRB requirements) prior to performing any study-specific
432 procedures that are not part of the child's routine care.

2.2 Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria

2.2.1 Eligibility Criteria

435 The following criteria must be met for a child to be enrolled in the study:

- 436 1. Age 4 to <13 years
- 437 2. Amblyopia associated with strabismus, anisometropia, or both (previously treated or
438 untreated)
 - 439 a. Criteria for strabismic amblyopia: At least one of the following must be met:
 - 440 • Presence of a heterotropia on examination at distance or near fixation (with or without
441 optical correction, must be no more than 4pd by SPCT at near fixation (see #6 below)
 - 442 • Documented history of strabismus which is no longer present (which in the judgment of
443 the investigator could have caused amblyopia)
 - 444 b. Criteria for anisometropia: At least one of the following criteria must be met:
 - 445 • ≥ 1.00 D difference between eyes in spherical equivalent
 - 446 • ≥ 1.50 D difference in astigmatism between corresponding meridians in the two eyes
 - 447 c. Criteria for combined-mechanism amblyopia: Both of the following criteria must be met:
 - 448 • Criteria for strabismus are met (see above)
 - 449 • ≥ 1.00 D difference between eyes in spherical equivalent OR ≥ 1.50 D difference in
450 astigmatism between corresponding meridians in the two eyes
- 451 3. No amblyopia treatment other than optical correction in the past 2 weeks (patching, atropine,
452 Bangerter, vision therapy, binocular treatment)
- 453 4. Requirements for required refractive error correction (based on a cycloplegic refraction
454 completed within the last 7 months):
 - 455 • Hypermetropia of 2.50 D or more by spherical equivalent (SE)
 - 456 • Myopia of amblyopic eye of 0.50D or more SE
 - 457 • Astigmatism of 1.00D or more
 - 458 • Anisometropia of more than 0.50D SE

460 NOTE: Subjects with cycloplegic refractive errors that do not fall within the
461 requirements above for spectacle correction may be given spectacles at investigator
462 discretion but must follow the study-specified prescribing guidelines, as detailed below.
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- 464 a. Spectacle prescribing instructions referenced to the cycloplegic refraction completed within
465 the last 7 months:
- 466 • SE must be within 0.50D of fully correcting the anisometropia.
 - 467 • SE must not be under corrected by more than 1.50D SE, and reduction in plus sphere
468 must be symmetric in the two eyes.
 - 469 • Cylinder power in both eyes must be within 0.50D of fully correcting the
470 astigmatism.
 - 471 • Axis must be within +/- 10 degrees if cylinder power is $\leq 1.00D$, and within +/- 5
472 degrees if cylinder power is $> 1.00D$.
 - 473 • Myopia must not be undercorrected by more than 0.25D or over corrected by more
474 than 0.50D SE, and any change must be symmetrical in the two eyes.
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- 476 b. Spectacle correction meeting the above criteria must be worn:
- 477 • For at least 16 weeks ***OR*** until VA stability is documented (defined as < 0.1 logMAR
478 change by the same testing method measured on 2 consecutive exams at least 8
479 weeks apart).
 - 480 • For determining VA stability (non-improvement):
 - 481 ○ The first of two measurements may be made 1) in current spectacles, or
 - 482 2) in trial frames with or without cycloplegia or 3) without correction (if
 - 483 new correction is prescribed),
 - 484 ○ The second measurement must be made without cycloplegia in the correct
 - 485 spectacles that have been worn for at least 8 weeks.
 - 486 ○ *Note: since this determination is a pre-study procedure, the method of*
 - 487 *measuring VA is not mandated.*
- 488 5. VA, measured in each eye without cycloplegia in current spectacle correction (if applicable)
- 489 within 7 days prior to randomization using the ATS-HOTV VA protocol for children < 7
- 490 years and the E-ETDRS VA protocol for children ≥ 7 years on a study-approved device
- 491 displaying single surrounded optotypes, as follows:
- 492 a. VA in the amblyopic eye 20/40 to 20/200 inclusive (ATS-HOTV) or 33 to 72 letters (E-
493 ETDRS)
- 494 b. Best-corrected fellow-eye VA meeting the following criteria:
- 495 ○ If age 4, 20/40 or better by ATS-HOTV
 - 496 ○ If age 5 or 6, 20/32 or better by ATS-HOTV
 - 497 ○ If age 7 or older, 20/25 or better by E-ETDRS (≥ 78 letters)
- 498 c. Interocular difference ≥ 3 logMAR lines (ATS-HOTV) or ≥ 15 letters (E-ETDRS)
- 499 6. Heterotropia with a near deviation of $< 5\Delta$ (measured by SPCT) in habitual correction
500 (Angles of ocular deviation $> 4\Delta$ are not allowed because large magnitudes of the deviation
501 would compromise successful playing of the game.)
- 502 7. Subject is able to play the Dig Rush game (at least level 3) on the study iPad under binocular
503 conditions (with red-green glasses). Subject must be able to see both the red “diggers” and
504 blue “gold carts” when contrast for the non-amblyopic eye is at 20%.
- 505 8. Investigator is willing to prescribe computer game play, or continued spectacle wear per
506 protocol.
- 507 9. Parent understands the protocol and is willing to accept randomization.
- 508 10. Parent has phone (or access to phone) and is willing to be contacted by Jaeb Center staff or
509 other study staff.
- 510 11. Relocation outside of area of an active PEDIG site for this study within the next 8 weeks is
511 not anticipated.

512 **2.2.2 Exclusion Criteria**

513 A subject is excluded for any of the following reasons:

- 514 1. Prism in the spectacle correction at time of enrollment (eligible only if prism is discontinued
515 2 weeks prior to enrollment).
- 516 2. Myopia greater than -6.00D spherical equivalent in either eye.
- 517 3. Previous intraocular or refractive surgery.
- 518 4. Any treatment for amblyopia (patching, atropine, Bangerter filter, vision therapy or previous
519 binocular treatment) during the past 2 weeks. Previous amblyopia therapy is allowed
520 regardless of type, but must be discontinued at least 2 weeks prior to enrollment.
- 521 5. Ocular co-morbidity that may reduce VA determined by an ocular examination performed
522 within the past 7 months (*Note: nystagmus per se does not exclude the subject if the above*
523 *VA criteria are met*).
- 524 6. No Down syndrome or cerebral palsy
- 525 7. No severe developmental delay that would interfere with treatment or evaluation (in the
526 opinion of the investigator). Subjects with mild speech delay or reading and/or learning
527 disabilities are not excluded.
- 528 8. Subject has demonstrated previous low compliance with binocular treatment and/or
529 spectacle treatment (as assessed informally by the investigator)

530 **2.3 Historical Information**

531 Historical information to be elicited will include the following: date of birth, sex, race, ethnicity,
532 and history of prior eye-related treatment (including length of spectacle correction).

533 **2.4 Procedures at the Enrollment Visit**

534 All examination procedures must be tested within 7 days prior to the date of enrollment, except the
535 cycloplegic refraction and ocular examination, which may be performed within 7 months prior to
536 enrollment.

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538 **All examination procedures at enrollment are performed in the subject's current spectacle**
539 **correction, if required (testing in trial frames is not permitted), and without cycloplegia:**

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541 1. ATS Diplopia Questionnaire

- 542 • The child and parent(s) will be specifically questioned regarding the presence and
543 frequency of any diplopia within the last 2 weeks using a standardized diplopia
544 assessment (*see ATS Miscellaneous Testing Procedures Manual*). The diplopia
545 assessment must be performed prior to any other testing during the exam.

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547 2. Symptom Survey

- 548 • The child and parent(s) will complete a 5-item symptom survey regarding the presence
549 of various ocular symptoms within the past 2 weeks (*see ATS Miscellaneous Testing*
550 *Procedures Manual*). The symptom survey must be performed prior to any other testing
551 during the exam.

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- 553 3. Distance VA Testing: Monocular distance VA testing will be performed in current
554 refractive correction (if required) in each eye by a certified examiner using the electronic
555 ATS-HOTV VA protocol for children <7 years and the E-ETDRS VA protocol for children
556 ≥ 7 years on a study-certified acuity tester displaying single surrounded optotypes as
557 described in the *ATS Testing Procedures Manual*.

- 558 • The same VA protocol used at enrollment will be used throughout the study regardless
559 of age at follow-up.

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4. Stereoacuity Testing:
 - Stereoacuity will be tested at near in current spectacle correction using the Randot Butterfly and Randot Preschool stereoacuity tests.
5. Ocular Alignment Testing:
 - Ocular alignment will be assessed in current spectacle correction by the cover test, simultaneous prism and cover test (SPCT) (in cases of strabismus detected by cover test), and prism and alternate cover test (PACT) in primary gaze at distance (3 meters) and at near (1/3 meter) as outlined in the *ATS Procedures Manual*.
 - See *section 2.2.1* for eligibility criteria related to ocular alignment.
6. Additional Clinical Testing:
 - Ocular examination as per investigator’s clinical routine (if not performed within 7 months)
7. Demonstration of Game Understanding
 - The subject must be able to see both the red “diggers” and blue “gold carts” when contrast is at 20% for the non-amblyopic eye. Subjects must demonstrate that they understand the game by playing the game in the office on at least level 3. Subjects unable to play the game are not eligible for the study.

581 **2.5 Randomization of Eligible Subjects**

582 For each age cohort, the Jaeb Center will construct a Master Randomization List using a permuted
583 block design stratified by visual acuity in the amblyopic eye as moderate 20/40 to 20/80 (53 to 67
584 letters) versus severe 20/100 to 20/400 (18 to 52 letters), which will specify the order of treatment
585 group assignments.

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587 All eligible subjects enrolled in the study will be followed for 8 weeks. Subjects will be randomly
588 assigned in a 1:1 allocation to one of the following treatment groups for 8 weeks:

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- 590 1. Binocular game play 1 hour per day, 5 days per week with spectacle correction (*see section*
591 *3.1*), if needed
 - 592 2. Continued spectacle correction (*see section 3.2*), if needed
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594 Once a child is assigned to treatment, he/she will be included in the analysis regardless of whether
595 or not the assigned treatment is received. Thus, the investigator must not randomly assign a subject
596 to treatment unless convinced that the parent will accept either of the treatments.

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599 **3.1 Binocular Computer Game Treatment**

600 Subjects assigned to the binocular treatment group will be prescribed the Dig Rush game to play for
601 1 hour per day, 5 days a week for 8 weeks. Parents of subjects will be instructed that the 1 hour of
602 daily treatment should be completed in a single 60-minute session, but if this is not possible for
603 whatever reason, the treatment may be divided into shorter sessions totaling 1 hour per day.

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605 All subjects in the study will play the Dig Rush game presented on an iPad while wearing red/green
606 (anaglyph) glasses (over current spectacle correction, if applicable) with the green filter placed over
607 the amblyopic eye. The subject should be instructed to hold the iPad at his/her usual reading
608 distance. Some game elements are only visible to the fellow eye viewing through the red lens, while
609 other game elements are only visible to the amblyopic eye viewing through the green lens. Image
610 contrast varies depending on depth of amblyopia to ensure stimulation of the amblyopic eye and
611 binocular game play.

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613 Contrast of the game elements in the amblyopic eye will be at 100% throughout the study. Contrast
614 of game elements seen by the fellow eye will begin at 20% at the start of the study and will increase
615 or decrease automatically in increments from the last contrast level (e.g., 20% to 22%) based on the
616 subject's performance and duration of game play.

617 **3.2 Continued Spectacle Correction Group**

618 Subjects assigned to the continued spectacle wear group will continue wearing their appropriate
619 spectacle correction (if required) for all waking hours, 7 days per week for 8 weeks. Subjects
620 assigned to the continued spectacle wear group will be offered binocular treatment for 8 weeks after
621 the initial 8 weeks of the study has been completed. Subjects in the continued spectacle correction
622 group that choose to continue with binocular treatment after 8 weeks will return for a follow-up
623 visit at 16 weeks.

624 **3.3 Compliance**

625 Parents will be asked to complete a compliance calendar by manually recording the number of
626 minutes that the child played the game each day, and/or how long the child has worn the spectacle
627 correction. The investigator will review the calendars at each follow-up visit. The amount of time
628 the game is played will also be recorded automatically during game play by the iPad. These data
629 will be downloaded at the Jaeb Center when the iPad is returned after the study.

630 **3.4 Phone Call**

631 Site personnel will call all subjects at 1 week (7 to 13 days) to encourage compliance with treatment
632 and to confirm that there are no technical problems playing the binocular game for those assigned to
633 binocular treatment. Site personnel will call subjects in the continued spectacle treatment group
634 who switch to binocular treatment at 9 weeks (7 to 13 days after the 8-week visit), again to
635 encourage compliance with treatment and to confirm that there are no technical problems playing
636 the binocular game for those assigned to binocular treatment.

637 **3.5 Follow-up Visit Schedule**

638 The follow-up schedule is timed from randomization as follows:

- 639 • 1-week phone call (7 to 13 days from randomization) to inquire about issues with the
640 binocular game (if applicable) and to encourage compliance with treatment for all groups (to
641 be completed by site personnel)
- 642 • 4 weeks \pm 1 week (primary outcome)

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- 8 weeks \pm 1 week (secondary outcome)
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- Binocular final visit
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- Spectacle group switched to binocular treatment and followed for 8 weeks
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- 9-week phone call (Spectacle group only: 7 to 13 days from 8-week exam) to inquire about
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- issues with the binocular game (if applicable) and to encourage compliance with treatment
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- for all groups (to be completed by site personnel)
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- 16 weeks \pm 1 week (final visit for group originally randomized to continued spectacle
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- treatment who were switched to binocular treatment)
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652 Additional non-study visits can be performed at the discretion of the investigator.

653 **3.6 Resolution of Amblyopia**

654 Subjects achieving amblyopic-eye VA equal to or better (0 lines or more lines better) than the better

655 of the fellow-eye VA at baseline or 4-week visit, will be considered to have resolved and may

656 discontinue binocular treatment, although these subjects will still return for all remaining follow-up

657 exams.

658 **3.7 Optional Post 8-week Treatment**

659 For children originally randomized to binocular treatment, the study ends at 8 weeks.

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661 Children who were originally assigned to continued spectacle treatment will be offered binocular

662 treatment for 8 weeks following the 8-week visit. The study will end at the 8-week exam for

663 children who choose not to receive binocular treatment. Children receiving binocular treatment at

664 the 8 week exam will return at 16 weeks for a follow-up visit. The study will end for these children

665 at the 16-week visit.

666 **3.8 Follow-up Visit Testing Procedures**

667 Subjects will be seen at follow-up visits as outlined in *section 3.5*. A Masked Examiner must

668 complete distance VA and stereoacuity testing at these visits (*section 3.8.1*). All procedures will be

669 performed with the subject's current spectacle correction. If a subject currently wears spectacles

670 but is not wearing them at the follow-up examination for whatever reason, testing must be

671 performed in trial frames.

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673 Prior to the Masked Examiner entering the room, subjects and parents should be instructed not to

674 discuss their treatment with the Masked Examiner.

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676 The following study procedures are performed at each visit:

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- 678 1. ATS Diplopia Questionnaire
- The child and parent(s) will be specifically questioned regarding the presence and
- 680 frequency of any diplopia within the last 2 weeks using a standardized diplopia
- 681 assessment (*see ATS Miscellaneous Testing Procedures Manual*). The diplopia
- 682 assessment must be performed prior to any other testing during the exam.
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685 2. Symptom Survey
686 ○ The child and parent(s) will complete a 5-item symptom survey regarding the
687 presence of various ocular symptoms within the past 2 weeks (*see ATS*
688 *Miscellaneous Testing Procedures Manual*). The symptom survey must be
689 performed prior to any other testing during the exam.
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691 3. Distance VA Testing (masked):
692 • Monocular distance VA testing will be performed in the current spectacle correction in
693 each eye using the same VA testing method that was used at enrollment, as described in
694 the *ATS Testing Procedures Manual*.
695 ○ The ATS HOTV testing protocol will always be used to test VA in the younger
696 age cohort (4 to <7 years at enrollment) whereas the E-ETDRS protocol will
697 always be used to test VA in the older cohort (7 to <13 years at enrollment).
698 ○ Testing must be completed without cycloplegia.
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700 4. Stereoacuity Testing (masked):
701 • Near stereoacuity will be tested in habitual current refractive correction using the Randot
702 Butterfly test and Randot Preschool Stereoacuity test at near (1/3 meter).
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704 5. Ocular Alignment Testing:
705 • Ocular alignment will be assessed in the current spectacle correction by the cover test,
706 simultaneous prism and cover test (SPCT) (if strabismus is present on cover testing), and
707 prism and alternate cover test (PACT) in primary gaze at distance (3 meters) and at near
708 (1/3 meter) as outlined in the *ATS Procedures Manual*.

709 **3.8.1 Masked Examiner**

710 The Masked Examiner must be certified to test VA and stereoacuity. Because the Masked
711 Examiner must be masked to the subject's treatment group, he/she must be someone other than the
712 managing clinician (in many cases the managing clinician will be the investigator but this is not
713 required).

714 **3.9 16-Week visit**

715 This visit is only for children randomized to continued spectacle treatment who opt to receive
716 binocular treatment at the 8-week visit. At the 16-week visit, children will have the same testing as
717 described in *section 3.8*; however, testing does not need to be completed by a masked examiner.
718 Following this visit, the study will end for these children.

719 **3.10 Non-Study Visits and Treatment**

720 Investigators may schedule additional visits at their own discretion. Subjects will continue to
721 follow the study-specified follow-up schedule regardless of any non-study visits. No data will be
722 collected at non-study visits for the purpose of the study.
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724 Investigators must not start any additional treatment (other than that outlined in *section 3.1*) prior to
725 the 8-week outcome visit.
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CHAPTER 4: MISCELLANEOUS CONSIDERATIONS IN FOLLOW-UP

4.1 Contacts by the Jaeb Center for Health Research and Sites

The Jaeb Center serves as the PEDIG Coordinating Center. The Jaeb Center will be provided with the parent's contact information. The Jaeb Center may contact the parents of the subjects. Permission for such contacts will be included in the Informed Consent Form. The principal purpose of the contacts will be to develop and maintain rapport with the subject and/or family and to help coordinate scheduling of the outcome examinations.

The site investigator or coordinator will contact the parents of each subject after the first week of the study to encourage compliance with treatment (spectacle or binocular) and to confirm that there are no technical problems playing the binocular game for those assigned to binocular treatment.

4.2 Subject Withdrawals

Parents may withdraw their child from the study at any time. This is expected to be a very infrequent occurrence in view of the study design's similarity to routine clinical practice and short duration. If the parents indicate that they want to withdraw their child from the study, the investigator personally should attempt to speak with them to determine the reason. If their interest is in transferring the child's care to another eye care provider, every effort should be made to comply with this and at the same time try to keep the child in the study under the new provider's care.

4.3 Management of Refractive Error

Because of the short duration of the study and the requirement to have a cycloplegic refraction within 7 months prior to enrollment, no cycloplegic refraction is mandated during the study. Nevertheless, whenever the investigator suspects that refractive error may not be corrected according to study guidelines, a cycloplegic refraction should be performed. Change in spectacle correction is at investigator discretion, but must be prescribed according to the guidelines described in *section 2.2.1.* and spectacles will be paid for by the study.

Contact lenses are not allowed during the study.

4.4 Management of Strabismus

Because of the short duration of the study and the age group being studied, strabismus surgery is not allowed prior to the end of the study. If surgery is performed, the date and type of surgery will be recorded in the comment section of the Follow-up Examination Form.

4.5 Risks

4.5.1 Development of Manifest Ocular Deviation or Diplopia

Diplopia is expected to be rare based on our experience during the previous ATS18 study comparing binocular treatment with patching.²⁵

Data on frequency of diplopia will be collected from the child and parent(s) at each study visit.

If treatment precipitates the development of a manifest ocular deviation (e.g., esotropia) and/or diplopia, the parent will be advised to have the subject see the investigator as soon as possible. If a new manifest deviation is confirmed on examination, the decision as to whether to continue or discontinue therapy will be left to the investigator's and parent's decision. If the investigator determines that binocular diplopia is present, continuation of treatment is also at the discretion of the investigator and parent(s). If amblyopia treatment is to be discontinued during the study, a

772 Protocol Chair should be called to discuss the case. Subjects discontinuing treatment during the
773 study will continue to be seen for the remaining regularly scheduled study visits.

774 **4.5.2 Risks of Examination Procedures**

775 The procedures in this study are part of daily eye care practice in the United States and pose no
776 known risks. As part of a routine usual-care exam, the subject may receive cycloplegic/dilating eye
777 drops.

778 **4.5.3 Delay in Use of Traditional Amblyopia Treatment**

779 The subjects in the either treatment group will not be able to perform any patching, atropine,
780 Bangerter filter, or additional vision therapy treatment during the study.

781 **4.6 Reporting of Adverse Events**

782 No surgical procedures are part of the protocol. There are no expected long-term adverse events
783 associated with playing the computer game on the iPad. Investigators will abide by local IRB
784 reporting requirements.

785 **4.6.1 Risk Assessment**

786 It is the investigators' opinion that the protocol's level of risk falls under DHHS 46.404 which is
787 research not involving greater than minimal risk.

788 **4.7 Discontinuation of Study**

789 The study may be discontinued by the Steering Committee (with approval of the Data and Safety
790 Monitoring Committee) prior to the preplanned completion of enrollment and follow-up for all
791 subjects.

792 **4.8 Travel Reimbursement**

793 Parents of each subject will be compensated \$40 per visit (by check or money-card) for completion
794 of each protocol-specified visit, for a maximum of \$160. If there are extenuating circumstances,
795 and the subject is unable to complete study visits without additional funds for travel costs,
796 additional funds may be provided.

797 **4.9 Study Costs**

798 The subject or his/her insurance provider will be responsible for the costs that are considered
799 standard care.

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801 Because the treatment used in the study is not standard of care, the enrollment, 4-, 8, and 16-week
802 follow-up visits will be paid for by the study. The cost of the binocular game treatment related
803 equipment will also be paid for by the study; however the iPad will need to be returned upon study
804 completion.

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806 Changes in spectacle correction if done (*see section 4.3*) will be paid for by the study.

807 808 **4.10 General Considerations**

809 The study is being conducted in compliance with the policies described in the study policies
810 document, with the ethical principles that have their origin in the Declaration of Helsinki, with the
811 protocol described herein, and with the standards of Good Clinical Practice.

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813 Data will be directly collected in electronic CRFs, which will be considered the source data.

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815 A risk-based monitoring approach will be followed, consistent with the FDA "Guidance for
816 Industry Oversight of Clinical Investigations — A Risk-Based Approach to Monitoring" (August
817 2013).

CHAPTER 5: SAMPLE SIZE ESTIMATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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The approach to sample size estimation and the statistical analyses are summarized below. A detailed Statistical Analysis Plan document will be written and finalized prior to any tabulation or analysis of study outcome data.

5.1 Definition of Subject Cohorts

The study will enroll two cohorts of subjects with identical eligibility criteria, apart from age at time of randomization:

- Younger cohort: Children aged 4 to <7 years
- Older cohort: Children aged 7 to <13 years

Compliance may differ by age; therefore, we believe that there could be a differential treatment effect between age groups. If the binocular game is not as appealing to younger children with some not being able to play the game very well, it is possible that the treatment response with binocular therapy may be reduced in this age group due to poorer compliance with game play compared with the older cohort. The opposite may be true as well. Therefore, the current study will be powered for two separate age cohorts according to the criteria listed above.

5.2 Sample Size Estimation

Sample size estimates for each age cohort were based on data from previous PEDIG studies (ATS3²⁸, ATS5²⁷, and ATS18²⁵), and data from a preliminary pilot study for subjects treated with the Dig Rush game on an iPad device (E. Birch Study²⁶) limited to subjects meeting the eligibility criteria for the current protocol.

5.2.1 Younger Cohort (Children 4 to <7 years of age)

Control Group – Continued Spectacle Correction Alone

To estimate the treatment effect in our study for those randomized to continued spectacles alone after stability, data were reviewed from subjects aged 3 to <7 years who were randomly assigned to continue spectacle correction alone in a previous PEDIG study (ATS5, see Table 1). After adjusting for baseline VA, the mean change in VA at 5 weeks was 0.55 logMAR lines (95% confidence interval (CI): 0.19 to 0.90 logMAR lines) with standard deviation 1.28 logMAR lines (95% confidence interval (CI): 1.07 to 1.58 logMAR lines).

Given the more stringent criteria for assessing VA stability with spectacles and shorter outcome time in the current study as compared to the previous study, we anticipate that the magnitude and standard deviation of VA improvement after 4 weeks in the current study will be smaller than those in Table 1.

Binocular Treatment Group (Dig Rush Game):

Data from 2 studies were reviewed: (1) preliminary pilot data for subjects randomly assigned to 4 weeks of binocular treatment with the Dig Rush game on an iPad device (E. Birch Study) and (2) data from a previous PEDIG trial (ATS18) for subjects randomly assigned to binocular treatment with the Hess falling blocks game on an iPad device (Table 1). Based on the more conservative estimates from ATS18, a mean VA change at 4 weeks of 1.09 lines (95% CI: 0.63 to 1.55 lines), with standard deviation 1.32 logMAR lines (95% CI: 1.06 to 1.74 logMAR lines) after adjusting for baseline VA might be expected. However, we anticipate that the magnitude of VA improvement after 4 weeks in the current study will be somewhat larger than that in ATS18, due to better compliance.

866 **Table 1: Previous Study Data from Subjects Aged 3 to <7 Years of Age**

| Cohort | N | Change in Amblyopic Eye VA at the 4 or 5 Week Visit (logMAR Lines) ‡ | |
|--------------------------------------|----|--|---------------------|
| | | Mean Change (95% CI) | SD Change (95% CI) |
| Spectacle Correction Alone: | | | |
| ATS5: Age 3 to <7 years † | 53 | 0.55 (0.19 to 0.90) | 1.28 (1.07 to 1.58) |
| No prior amblyopia treatment | 50 | 0.54 (0.17 to 0.91) | 1.32 (1.10 to 1.64) |
| Prior amblyopia treatment | 3 | 0.67 (-2.21 to 3.54) | 0.39 (0.20 to 2.45) |
| Binocular Treatment: | | | |
| E. Birch Study (Age 4 to <7 years) ^ | 9 | 1.67 (0.73 to 2.61) | 1.19 (0.80 to 2.28) |
| ATS18 (Age 5 to <7 years) § | 34 | 1.09 (0.63 to 1.55) | 1.32 (1.06 to 1.74) |
| No prior amblyopia treatment | 19 | 1.47 (0.73 to 2.22) | 1.54 (1.16 to 2.28) |
| Prior amblyopia treatment | 15 | 0.60 (0.15 to 1.05) | 0.81 (0.59 to 1.28) |

867 ‡ Positive values indicate improvement. Mean and SD adjusted for baseline visual acuity.
868 † ATS5 data were limited to randomized subjects with an amblyopic-eye VA of 20/40 to 20/200 inclusive with ≥ 3 lines of interocular difference and
869 a fellow-eye VA of 20/25 or better who had stabilized with spectacle correction prior to randomization. The baseline magnitude of tropia at near (as
870 measured by SPCT) was limited to <5pd. The outcome data reported were based on the 5-week primary masked outcome visit.
871 ^ E. Birch study enrolled children aged 4 to <7 years of age. Change in VA after 4 weeks of binocular therapy was computed for subjects randomly
872 assigned to receive binocular treatment using the Dig Rush game on an iPad device for 4 weeks (prescribed 1 hour per day, 5 days per week without
873 patching). Subjects with >4pd magnitude of strabismus (measured by PACT) were excluded from the study.
874 § ATS18 study subjects were prescribed binocular treatment for 1 hour per day, 7 days per week. The binocular game, Hess falling blocks, was
875 played on an iPad device. The outcome data reported are from the 4-week masked outcome visit.
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877 **Summary:**

878 Based on data from previous studies (Table 1), the treatment group difference for the current study
879 for the mean change in VA at 4 weeks was estimated to be 0.75 logMAR lines with a pooled
880 standard deviation of 1.2 logMAR lines. Although the expected group difference in the current
881 study is larger than 0.75 logMAR lines (Table 1), there is limited data available on the Dig Rush
882 binocular game and this estimate is consistent with the results of the previous ATS5 study
883 comparing spectacle correction alone versus patching (treatment group difference of 0.7 line) after 5
884 weeks of treatment.
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886 **Sample Size Estimation:**

887 Assuming a true difference in mean VA change between the two groups of 0.75 logMAR line after
888 4 weeks of treatment and a pooled standard deviation of 1.2 logMAR lines, a total sample size of
889 110 subjects (55 per group) has 90% power with a type I error rate of 5% to detect a treatment
890 group difference between binocular treatment and spectacle correction alone (Table 2). Adjusting
891 for 5% loss to follow-up, a total sample size of 182 (91 per group) is needed.
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893 **Table 2. Total Sample Size Estimates for a 2-Arm Study ***

| SD of Change (LogMAR lines) | Treatment Group Difference in Mean VA Change from Baseline at 4 weeks (LogMAR lines) | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|------|------|------|
| | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 |
| 1.0 | 172 | 78 | 46 | 30 | 22 |
| 1.1 | 206 | 94 | 54 | 36 | 26 |
| 1.2 | 246 | 110 | 64 | 42 | 30 |
| 1.3 | 288 | 130 | 74 | 48 | 34 |
| 1.4 | 332 | 150 | 86 | 56 | 40 |
| 1.5 | 382 | 172 | 98 | 64 | 46 |

894 * Number in cells represents the total number of subjects required to detect a treatment group difference in amblyopic-eye VA change from baseline
895 to 4 weeks using a t-test with a 2-sided alpha=0.05 and power 90% for a range of pooled SD of change in VA (logMAR lines).
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897 **5.2.2 Older Cohort (Children 7 to <13 years of age)**

898 Control Group – Continued Spectacle Correction Alone

899 To estimate the treatment effect in our study for those randomized to continued spectacles alone
 900 after stability, data were reviewed from subjects aged 7 to <13 years who were randomly assigned
 901 to continued spectacle correction alone in a previous PEDIG study (ATS3, see Table 3). Similar to
 902 ATS18, the proportion of subjects with prior treatment in the current study is expected to be higher
 903 than the proportion observed in ATS3. Therefore, the proportions with and without prior treatment
 904 from ATS18 were used to weight ATS3 outcome data. After adjusting for baseline acuity, the
 905 weighted mean change in VA at 6 weeks was 1.3 letters (95% CI: 0.01 to 2.6 letters) with standard
 906 deviation of 5.3 letters (95% confidence interval (CI): 4.5 to 6.4 letters).

908 Given the more stringent criteria for assessing VA stability with spectacles and shorter outcome
 909 time than the previous study, we anticipate that the magnitude of VA change after 4 weeks will be
 910 close to zero, with standard deviation somewhat smaller than in Table 3.

911 Binocular Treatment Group (Dig Rush Game):

912 Data from 2 studies were reviewed: (1) preliminary pilot data²⁶ for subjects randomly assigned to 4
 913 weeks of binocular treatment using the Dig Rush game on an iPad device and (2) data from a
 914 previous PEDIG trial²⁵ of subjects who were randomly assigned to binocular treatment using the
 915 Hess falling blocks game on an iPad device (Table 3).

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 918 A larger treatment effect at 4 weeks in the current study than in ATS18 is expected due to better
 919 compliance. Therefore, we used the 16-week data from ATS18²⁵ to estimate the expected mean and
 920 standard deviation of change in VA (4.1 letters, 95% CI: 3.0 to 5.1 letters) and (6.0 letters, 95% CI:
 921 5.3 to 6.9 letters), respectively, adjusted for baseline acuity.

922 **Table 3: Previous Study Data from Subjects Aged 7 to <13 Years of Age**

| Cohort | N | % of Enrolled Subgroup * | | Change in Amblyopic Eye VA at the 4 or 6 Week Visit (Letters) ‡ | |
|--|-----|--------------------------|----------|---|-------------------------|
| | | Actual | Expected | Mean Change (95% CI) | SD Change (95% CI) |
| Spectacle Correction Alone: | | | | | |
| ATS3 (Age 7 to <13 years) † | 67 | | | 1.3 (0.004 to 2.6) | 5.3 (4.5 to 6.4) |
| No prior amblyopia treatment | 27 | 40% | 17% | 3.4 (-0.1 to 6.8) | 5.7 (4.5 to 7.8) |
| Prior amblyopia treatment | 40 | 60% | 83% | 0.9 (-0.4 to 2.1) | 4.6 (3.8 to 5.9) |
| Weighted Estimate** | | | | 1.3 (0.01 to 2.6) | 5.3 (4.5 to 6.4) |
| Binocular Treatment: | | | | | |
| E. Birch Study ²⁶ (Age 7 to <10 years)^ | 5 | | | 9.0 (5.5 to 12.6) | 2.5 (1.5 to 7.2) |
| ATS18 (Age 7 to <13 years) † § | 118 | | | 1.8 (0.9 to 2.8) | 5.1 (4.5 to 5.8) |
| No prior amblyopia treatment | 22 | | | 2.3 (-0.4 to 5.1) | 6.2 (4.8 to 8.9) |
| Prior amblyopia treatment | 96 | | | 1.7 (0.7 to 2.7) | 4.8 (4.2 to 5.6) |

924 * For the percentage of enrolled subjects within each subgroup of prior amblyopia treatment status, the actual percentage is based on the ATS3
 925 enrollment characteristics while the expected percentage projects the characteristics of the cohort for the current study, which was based on ATS18
 926 (younger cohort trial).

927 ‡ Positive values indicate improvement. Mean and SD adjusted for baseline visual acuity.

928 † ATS3 data were limited to randomized subjects aged 7 to <13 years with an amblyopic-eye VA of 20/40 to 20/200 inclusive (33 to 72 letters if E-
 929 ETDRS), ≥ 3 lines of interocular difference (≥ 15 letters) and a fellow-eye VA of 20/25 or better (≥ 78 letters if E-ETDRS). The baseline magnitude
 930 of tropia at near (as measured by SPCT) was limited to <5pd. The outcome data reported were based on the 6-week visit.

931 ** A weight was calculated for each subject in the ATS3 study based on prior amblyopia treatment status (no prior amblyopia treatment, prior
 932 amblyopia treatment) by computing the ratio of the expected to the actual percentage (Weight = Expected % / Actual %).
 933 ^ E. Birch study enrolled children aged 7 to <10 years of age and all of these study subjects had prior amblyopia treatment at enrollment. Change in
 934 VA after 4 weeks of binocular therapy was computed as logMAR lines for subjects randomly assigned to receive binocular treatment using the Dig
 935 Rush game on an iPad device for 4 weeks (prescribed 1 hour per day, 5 days per week without patching). Subjects with >4pd magnitude of
 936 strabismus (measured by PACT) were excluded from the study.
 937 § ATS18 study subjects were prescribed binocular treatment for 1 hour per day, 7 days per week. The binocular game, Hess falling blocks, was
 938 played on an iPad device. The outcome data reported are from the 4-week masked outcome visit.
 939

940 **Summary:**

941 Due to the limited data available on the Dig Rush binocular game, ATS18 data were used to
 942 estimate a treatment group difference in mean change in VA at 4 weeks of 3.75 letters (0.75
 943 logMAR line) with a pooled standard deviation of 5 letters (1.0 logMAR line) for the current study.
 944

945 **Sample Size Estimation:**

946 Assuming a standard deviation of 5 letters, a total sample size of 78 subjects (39 per group) has
 947 90% power with a type I error rate of 5% to detect a treatment group difference between binocular
 948 treatment and spectacle correction alone assuming the true difference in mean VA change between
 949 the two groups is 3.75 letters (0.75 logMAR line) after 4 weeks of treatment (Table 4). Adjusting
 950 for 5% loss to follow-up, a total sample size of 84 (42 per group) is needed.
 951

952 **Table 4. Total Sample Size Estimates for a 2-Arm Study ***

| SD of Change (Letters) | Treatment Group Difference in Mean VA Change from Baseline at 4 weeks (Letters) | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | 2.50 | 3.75 | 5.00 | 6.25 | 7.50 |
| 5 | 172 | 78 | 46 | 30 | 22 |
| 6 | 246 | 110 | 64 | 42 | 30 |
| 7 | 332 | 150 | 86 | 56 | 40 |
| 8 | 434 | 194 | 110 | 72 | 50 |

953 * Number in cells represents the total number of subjects required to detect a treatment group difference in amblyopic-eye VA change from baseline
 954 to 4 weeks using a t-test with a 2-sided alpha=0.05 and power 90% for a range of pooled SD of change in VA (letters).

955 **5.3 Interim Analysis and Sample Size Re-estimation**

956 The sample size estimates for both the younger and older age cohorts are based on previous studies
 957 of spectacle correction and binocular treatment. Although we believe that our estimates of variation
 958 are reasonable for both cohorts, a sample size re-estimation will be performed once approximately
 959 50% of the pre-planned number of subjects have completed the 4-week outcome visit. A pooled
 960 estimate of variance without respect to treatment group will be calculated and used to re-estimate
 961 sample size using a procedure that maintains masking and has a negligible effect on the Type I error
 962 rate.²⁸ Within each age cohort, if the observed standard deviation of change is larger than the pre-
 963 study estimate, the sample size will be increased, up to a maximum limit corresponding to a
 964 standard deviation of change of 1.5 logMAR lines (182 subjects) for the younger cohort and 8
 965 letters for the older cohort (206 subjects) with a 5% adjustment for loss to follow-up.
 966

967 Due to the short duration of the primary outcome at 4 weeks and expected rapid recruitment, no
 968 interim monitoring will be conducted for either age cohort. This decision will be re-evaluated if the
 969 sample size is increased.
 970

971 **5.4 Analyses**

972 All analyses described below will be conducted separately for both of the age cohorts.

973 **5.4.1 Primary Analysis**

974 **5.4.1.1 Mean Amblyopic Eye VA at 4 Weeks**

975 For both age cohorts, the primary objective is to compare the efficacy of 4 weeks of treatment with
976 1 hour/day of binocular game play 5 days per week plus spectacle correction to treatment with
977 spectacle correction alone (subsequently referred to as “control” treatment).

978
979 An analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) will be performed to compute the 4-week mean change in
980 amblyopic-eye VA for the binocular and control treatments, adjusted for baseline acuity, and a 95%
981 confidence interval will be constructed on the treatment group difference.

982
983 The primary analysis will follow a modified intent-to-treat principle. Data will be included only
984 from subjects who complete the 4-week exam within the pre-defined analysis window. There will
985 be no imputation of data for subjects who are lost to follow-up or withdraw from the study prior to
986 the 4-week exam. Multiple imputation for missing data will be performed as a secondary approach,
987 and results of the analysis with imputation of missing data assessed for consistency with the primary
988 analysis.

989
990 Additional approaches to the primary analysis include the following:

- 991 • Limit the analysis to subjects whose 4-week outcome exams were performed within the
992 protocol window (3 to 5 weeks post-randomization)
- 993 • Include subjects who completed the 4-week exam outside of the pre-defined analysis
994 window

995 **5.4.2 Secondary Analyses**

996 **5.4.2.1 VA Improvement at 4 Weeks Defined as a Binary Outcome**

997 A secondary analysis will estimate the proportion of subjects with amblyopic-eye VA improvement
998 of ≥ 2 logMAR lines (≥ 10 letters if E-ETDRS) at 4 weeks after baseline.

999
1000 The proportion of subjects who achieve this outcome will be tabulated by treatment group and an
1001 exact 95% confidence interval will be computed on the group proportion. A p-value for the
1002 treatment group comparison will be computed using binomial regression with adjustment for
1003 baseline VA. If the binomial regression model does not converge, Poisson regression with robust
1004 variance estimation or an exact method (without baseline adjustment) will be used to derive a p-
1005 value for the treatment group comparison.

1006 **5.4.2.2 Stereoacuity**

1007 Stereoacuity will be tabulated at baseline and 4 weeks according to treatment group with
1008 computation of descriptive statistics. The change in stereoacuity from baseline to 4 weeks will be
1009 tabulated for each group and compared between treatment groups using the exact Wilcoxon rank-
1010 sum test.

1011 **5.4.2.3 Treatment Compliance with Binocular Therapy**

1012 Data from the automated iPad log files will be used to provide an objective measure of compliance
1013 with binocular treatment. The total amount of game play will be computed for the initial 4 weeks of
1014 treatment for the binocular treatment group. Secondary analyses will evaluate the relationship
1015 between the total amount of game play with (1) change in VA and (2) change in stereoacuity after
1016 the first 4 weeks of binocular treatment.

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1018 **5.4.2.4 Fellow-eye Contrast with Binocular Therapy**
1019 Data from the automated iPad log files will be used to assess game performance as measured by the
1020 fellow-eye contrast. The level and change in fellow-eye contrast will be computed for the initial 4
1021 weeks of treatment for the binocular treatment group. Secondary analyses will evaluate the
1022 relationship between the change in fellow-eye contrast with (1) change in VA and (2) change in
1023 stereoacuity after the first 4 weeks of binocular treatment.

1024 **5.4.3 Safety**

1025 **5.4.3.1 VA in Fellow Eye**

1026 The mean change in fellow-eye VA from baseline to 4 weeks will be calculated and compared
1027 between treatment groups using ANCOVA with adjustment for baseline VA. The proportion of
1028 subjects with loss of 2 or more logMAR lines (10 or more letters) of VA in the fellow eye from
1029 baseline to the 4-week exam will be reported for each treatment group and compared using
1030 Barnard's exact test.

1031 **5.4.3.2 Ocular Alignment**

1032 The proportion of subjects with development of new strabismus (no heterotropia at baseline and the
1033 presence of near and/or distance heterotropia at 4 weeks) or an increase from baseline $\geq 10\Delta$ in a
1034 pre-existing strabismus at 4 weeks will be reported by treatment group and compared using
1035 Barnard's exact test.

1036 **5.4.3.3 Diplopia**

1037 The proportion of subjects with each level of diplopia frequency will be reported by treatment group
1038 at 4 weeks. Data will also be tabulated based on the maximum frequency of diplopia reported by
1039 treatment group. The change in diplopia frequency level from baseline to 4 weeks will be compared
1040 between treatment groups using the exact Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

1041 **5.4.3.4 Adverse Symptoms**

1042 The child and parent(s) will complete a 5-item symptom survey regarding the presence of various
1043 ocular symptoms within the past 2 weeks at enrollment and at each visit. The distribution of scores
1044 on each symptom survey item will be described for the enrollment exam and the 4-week exam for
1045 each treatment group. The distribution of change in scores on each symptom survey item will also
1046 be described for each treatment group.

1047 **5.4.4 Outcomes at 8 Weeks**

1048 As secondary analyses, all analyses described above will be repeated using data obtained from the
1049 8-week visit.

1050 **5.4.5 Exploratory Analyses**

1051 **5.4.5.1 Subgroup Analysis at 4 Weeks**

1052 The treatment effect after 4 weeks in subgroups based on baseline factors will be assessed in
1053 exploratory analyses and used to suggest hypotheses for further investigation in future studies. The
1054 following baseline factors are of interest: amblyopic-eye VA, stereoacuity, the presence of a tropia
1055 at near, and prior amblyopia treatment (other than spectacle correction). In accordance with NIH
1056 guidelines, subgroup analyses of treatment effect according to gender and race/ethnicity will be
1057 conducted. However, based on results from previous studies, a differential treatment effect by these
1058 variables is not expected.

1059
1060 The general approach for these exploratory analyses will be to conduct an analysis of covariance
1061 similar to the primary analysis adding an interaction for treatment and the subgroup covariate of
1062 interest.

1063
1064 The subgroup definitions for the planned subgroup analyses are as follows:

- 1065 1. Amblyopic-eye VA at baseline (20/40, 20/50, 20/63, 20/80 or worse)
- 1066 2. Age group (specified for each age cohort separately in the Statistical Analysis Plan)

- 1067 3. Stereoacuity (nil versus better than nil)
1068 4. Presence of a near heterotropia at baseline (yes/no)
1069 5. Prior amblyopia treatment (yes/no)

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1071 **5.4.5.2 Effect of Binocular Treatment in Children Randomized to Continued**
1072 **Spectacles**

1073 The following exploratory analyses will evaluate the effect of binocular treatment in children
1074 randomized to continued spectacles alone who are prescribed binocular treatment at the 8-week
1075 visit.

- 1076 • A point estimate and 95% confidence interval will be calculated for the mean change in
1077 amblyopic eye VA between the 8-week and 16-week visits while on binocular treatment.
1078 • The total amount of game play will be computed for the duration of binocular treatment as
1079 an estimate of compliance.
1080 • The distribution of scores on each symptom survey item will be described for the 8-week
1081 exam prior to starting binocular treatment and the 16-week exam after a period of binocular
1082 treatment. The distribution of change in scores between 8 and 16 weeks on each symptom
1083 survey item will also be described
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